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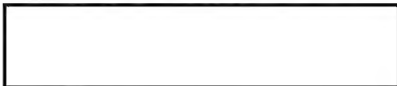
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 8, 1977

Mr. E. Henry Knoche



Dear Hank:

Attached is a copy of a letter addressed to the President.

I am certain all members of the Committee concur with my thoughts. I hope that my words of support and commendation are adequate.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADCI and Legislative Counsel

Jack & George:

I believe you will find this letter of interest.



Lew Lapham  
A/DDCI

Attachment:  
Ltr to Knoche &  
The President from Inouye



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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 400, 84TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 8, 1977

The President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Deputy Director for the Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. E. Henry Knoche, has resigned after close to 25 years of outstanding and loyal service to the United States. His long career, which has spanned the entire range of intelligence activities, is one worthy of the commendation and the gratitude of the American people.

Mr. Knoche's role as Acting Director of Central Intelligence in the period after Mr. George Bush had resigned, and before Admiral Stansfield Turner assumed his present position, was of critical importance. Mr. Knoche performed his duties at a most delicate time with skill and discretion. I can say without hesitation that he was a major reason for the successful beginnings we have made in the new Executive-Legislative relationships concerning intelligence activities.

Mr. Knoche played a significant role in the period of investigations of the intelligence agencies. He was instrumental in assuring that the inquiries were conducted in as helpful a manner as possible. Fortright and discrete at the same time, Mr. Knoche made it possible for the Senate investigation to find remedies for the serious problems that were revealed and to lay out a blue print for the future role of intelligence activities in the United States. He was keenly aware that intelligence activities must, like any other national activity, function under the Constitution and the law, and that all of its activities must be accountable. I found in my dealings with him that he believed that the primary purpose of intelligence was to provide the best possible information to the leadership in both the Legislative and Executive branches.

In the period that I have been Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Mr. Knoche, both as Acting Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, has served his agency, this Committee, and the country, with honor and distinction.

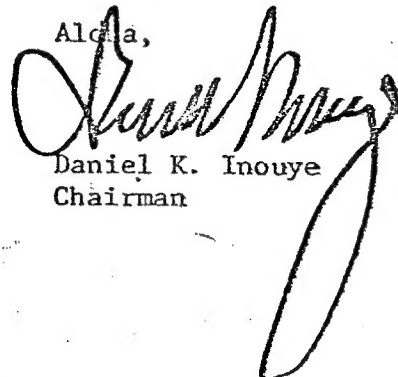
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Under your direction, there is a new pattern of leadership for the intelligence agencies. This new leadership, under Stansfield Turner, I am certain, will serve the country with distinction.

I would hope that it would be possible for the country to continue to use Mr. Knoche's services. Mr. Knoche is in his early 50's, and it would seem that his experience, performance, and demonstrated abilities support the view that he should continue to serve the United States in some important capacity. I know that the other members of the Committee join me in expressing the hope that it may be possible to find a suitable position for Mr. Knoche so that he may continue to serve our country.

With kind regards,

Alcala,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Daniel K. Inouye, is written over the typed name and title.

Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman